



Scuttlebutt
November, 2023

Branch/Unit 269
Goose Creek
South Carolina

National website: [Fleet Reserve association.org](http://fleetreserveassociation.org)
<http://facebook.com/groups/trabranh269>
Southeast region: frasoutheastregion.org
Branch 269 website: fra269gc.org

Branch President's Corner

Shipmates

NC Laurie Bailey was the branch's representative at the national convention in Reno Nevada, Branch 269 did very well with the following results.

- Americanism/Patriotism Chair Laurie Bailey 1st place
(Award for the Best overall committee report)
- Public Relations Chair John Tharp 1st place
(Shipmate of the year John Tharp)
- Youth activities Chair Don Barton 1st place
- Congratulations Shipmates for outstanding work
- National Officers

President John Handzuk branch 126
Vice Pres Maria Behm branch 32

We will have a very busy schedule to close 2023, with the following events

- Nov 3rd 1900 Marine Corps Cake cutting
- Nov 11th Veterans Day ,fundraising BBQ dinner \$12.00
- Dec 7th The Branch will participate in the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on board the USS Yorktown.
- Dec 9th Childrens Christmas party
- Dec 14th Branch/Unit Christmas party
- Dec 16th Wreath's across America.at Carolina Memorial Gardens/Beaufort National Cemetery
- Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service

Ken Hutchison

BRANCH OFFICERS

President – Kenneth Hutchison Vice-President - Donald Barton
Treasurer - PNP Don Muecheck Secretary - John Tharp
Jr. Past President – Harry Nettles

BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Jr PNC Laurie Bailey | PRPSE Fred Bolz | Tim Bailey |
| Cindy Bryan | Skip Chilton | Ron Lamon |
| Tom Lawson | Glenn Little | William Maloon |
| Larry Pepper | Bobbi Sutton | Ken Wallace |

Chaplain- Bobbi Sutton
Legislative Affairs – PRPSE Fred Bolz
Parliamentarian – PNP Don Muecheck Historian - Mike Sparks
By-Laws – PRPSE Fred Bolz Youth Activities –Donald Barton

Master-at-Arms-Glenn Little Ways and Means – Larry Pepper
PRelations – John Tharp Essay Contest – Jr PNC Laurie Bailey
Bailey
Membership – Cindy Bryan Amer/Pat –Jr PNC Laurie Bailey
WEB Master –Jr PNC Laurie Bailey

LOW COUNTRY HOME, INC.

99 Wisteria Road - (843) 569-2692
Home Chairman – Ken Wallace
Admin Secretary-Bobbi Sutton Financial Sec- Cindy Bryan
Director – Ken Ealy Director –NC Laurie Bailey
Director - Linda Cox Director – Tim Bailey
Director - John Tharp Director – Trish Chilton
Director – Marilyn Tharp Director –
Home Manager – PNP Don Muecheck, Larry Pepper and Don Garrand
Hours of Operation
Mon-Thur 1000-2200 Fri 1000-2400

LAFRA UNIT 269

UNIT OFFICERS

President – PRPSE Gail Bolz Treasurer PRPSE Gale Nathan
Secretary Yvonne Wallace Vice President – Trish Chilton
Jr Past President Anne Barton

Board of Directors

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| NFS, PNP Pat Suckow | Theresa Milligan |
| Kathy Sorenson | Linda Cox |
| Ann Griffith | Debbie Breeze |
| Marilyn Tharp | |

LAFRA UNIT 269

Appointees & Committee Chairs

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Chaplain – Theresa Milligan | Amer/Pat – Ann Griffith |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | VAVS – Theresa Milligan |
| Kathy Sorenson | Anne Barton |
| Welfare/Rehab –Trish Chilton | Ship's Store -Trish Chilton |
| Publicity – Anne Barton | Hospital – Theresa Milligan |
| Parliamentarian – Linda Cox | Membership – Trish Chilton |
| Youth Activities—Anne Barton | Unit Activities -- All Members |

Madam President Tidbits

Hi Auxiliary Members,
Hi Auxiliary Members,

To all members Happy November Birthday
and Anniversaries!!

Please check out the Boxes in the Bar area
for items that are needed for the
Veterans, Toys for Tots, and food for that
is needed for the Children.

Upcoming events:

Nov 4th In-side yard sale at the Fleet
Reserve Home from 8am to 1pm. If you
would like to get rid of items from your
house, we are accepting any donations or
if you would like to purchase a table for
your self the cost is \$15. Please call Gail
Bolz at 843-696-5789.

Nov. 14th Unit luncheon will be at the Fleet
Reserve Home at 11:30am

Nov. 14th Unit meeting at the Fleet
Reserve Home at 6:00pm all members are
welcome!!

November 19th, 2023, Toys For Tots Ride

Yours, in Loyalty, Protection and
Service,

PRPSE Gail Bolz

WEEKLY DRAWING AT THE HOME

Names drawn lately: 9/26 – Jeffrey Elliott, not signed; 10/3 –
Lori Beier, not signed; 10/17 – Jerry Walton, not signed;
You must be a member of the Branch or Unit in good
standing and you must be signed in the log. You can sign up
until 1800 hours, on the day of the drawing. The drawing is
held every Tuesday night at 2030 hours.

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New or Reinstated Members – 5
Transferred into Low Country Branch 269 – 1
Transferred from Branch 269 – 0
Ready to renew – 9
Members past due – 12
Suspended members - 4
Transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander - 5
Total members: 805

Membership/Retention: Ken Wallace

Total members: 801

New Join: Jeri Larson, Johnny Aldea, Christopher Gilbreath, Michelle
Goad, Richard Harbold Jr., Jeff Latourelle

Ready to Renew: Helen Breen, Julian Czeiszperger, Alan Dempster,
Thomas Driscoll, James Finney, Joseph Glavan, Melvin Harper, Terrell
Heath, Wendy Holman, William Hunter, D J Nyhart, Don Pace, John
Parnell, Kenneth Pilcher, Jason Tatge, Larry Turner

Past Due: Alfred Alston, Mariela Anderson, Bob Browning, Robin Buell,
Richard Carlson, Frank DeCampo, Jay Duncan, Trevor England, Robert
Geiger, James Longo, Richard Muccheck, William Reed III, Ralph Rohrssen,
Nytasja Sanders

Suspended: Donovan Bennett, Charles Campbell, Patricia Gallagher,
Ronald Hacker, George Hamaker, James Kennedy Sr., Michael Leclair,
Darrel Mckeown, William Peterson.

Unit Membership and Retention

To be Renewed by October 31,2023: Yvonne Aquilera; Nancy Bullis; Elfriede Campbell; Angela Clark; George
Ellison; Holly Gordon; Patricia Martin; Shirley McDonald; Elizabeth Mullins; Ann O'Brien; Martha Pyatt.

Past Due 30 days: Carol Eustace; Dawn Gallapis.

Past Due 60 Days: Deborah Bacur; Darlene Beck; Margaret Henshall; James Tennes; Theresa White

Past Due 90 Days: None

Suspended: None

BRANCH & UNIT CHAPLAIN'S PEW

Prayers for the families of: RMC(M) William Hall and TMC(SS) David Mueller

Shipmate Rick Sparger was in the hospital with a blood infection. Shipmates or Unit members please contact

Branch Chaplain Bobbi Sutton @ 843-879-9473

Unit Chaplain Theresa Milligan @ 843-535-2757

BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT

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|------------------------|--------------|
| Operations | \$ 6,575.70 |
| Savings | \$ 4,659.25 |
| Certificate of Deposit | \$ 11,193.82 |
| Total | \$ 22,745.13 |

Branch 269 Continuous Membership November, 2023

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| Richard Best (55) Thomas Evans (51) Robert Jaeger (51) Joseph Wiehl (49) Emmette Boone (48) Hubert Pearce (48) Dominador Jimenez (46) Arthur Pittman (45) Raymond Montminy (43) Millard Driscoll (40) Glenn Little (38) Thomas Blalock (31) Clemmis Floyd (31) Ernest Holt (31) Merle Knapp (31) | Jay Rowland II (31) Thomas Chilton (28) Ralph Bates (25) Boyd Davis (25) Pedro Garcia (23) Thomas Krieger (23) David Smith (23) Lawrence Denapoli (20) James Heath (20) Bill Ansel (18) Francis Bohannan (18) Richard Day (18) James Hutton (18) Carmelo Olmo Jr. (18) | Angela Chapman (17) Timothy McNally (17) John Merrell Jr (17) Randy Reed (17) John Sloane (17) Edward Stank (17) Richard Dougherty (12) Michael LeCompte (12) Joseph Perillo (12) Kelly Rusboldt (12) Larry Walton (12) Melissa Curtis (11) Joseph Hayes Jr (8) Russell Hale (8) Charles Wood (8) | Dennis Bowles (7) David Mayeres Jr (7) Ernest Smith (6) Mashelle Ames (5) Donnell Blewer (5) James Ezzell Sr. (5) Michael Goad (5) Daniel Lehman (5) David Thomas (5) Christopher Kelley (3) Stephan Kamp (2) Kenneth Lux (2) Charles Mewshaw (1) Ray Phillips (1) |
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Unit 269 Continuous Membership November, 2023

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| Neta Fewox (55) Patricia Wlazlinski (54) Betty Harris (50) Reulah Wenzel (44) | Barbara Timmons (43) Gale Nathan (43) Marie Lutrell (41) Dorothy Grooms (41) | Martha Willcut (37) Barbara Moyer (36) Elizabeth Worthy (36) Nancy Sandefer (33) | Linda Harris (32) Wanda Seay (31) Dorothy Nephew (30) Brenda Hiers (25) |
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Right: President Ken Hutchison presented a 30 year continuous membership pin to Shipmate John Paul (Center)

Congratulations for continuing your membership!!

YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN NOVEMBER- 2023

If you are a Branch 269 or Unit 269 member, come on in to the Low Country Home **on your birthday** for a

FREE BIRTHDAY LUNCH

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|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Thomas Blizard (1) | Douglas Perkins (6) | Larry Larkins (15) | Roger Rader (21) |
| Ronald Henderson (1) | Larry Starland (6) | Beatrice Murphy (15) | Richard Best (22) |
| Donald Wolf Jr (1) | Shirley Trosper (6) | Gerald Ott (15) | Owen Boser (23) |
| Paul Burnstein (2) | Rodney McKanna (7) | Gary Crozier (16) | Joseph Ondo Jr (23) |
| James Finney (2) | Carmelo Olmo (7) | Ronald Houde (17) | Ronald Litzenberger (24) |
| Christian LaForce (2) | Robert Beilstein (8) | Patricia Martin (17) | Thomas Lawson (24) |
| Paul Langan (2) | Terry Gomez(8) | Emmette Boone (18) | Elizabeth Norris (24) |
| Richard Miley (2) | Raymond Pease (8) | Linwood Murrow (18) | William Reed III (24) |
| Charles Wood (2) | Linda Harris (9) | Theresa White (18) | Jeannette Gombash (25) |
| Stephen Kovacs Jr. (3) | Robert Hughes (9) | Linda Cox (18) | Jeffrey Elliott (26) |
| Dwight Weatherly (3) | Kenneth Gray (10) | Kenneth Pilcher (18) | Christopher Kelley (26) |
| Harold Herrington (4) | Brian Cecil (11) | Fredrick Wolstencroft (18) | Lawrence Willoughby (26) |
| Suzanne Peters (4) | Sandra Medley (11) | Dillon Brown (19) | Charles Moss (26) |
| Nytasja Sanders (4) | John Shaak (11) | David Johnson (19) | Kenneth Seal (26) |
| Richard Lawwell (5) | Sarah Soldatke (11) | John Rooney (19) | John Stroman (27) |
| Howard Miles (5) | Carol Bailey (14) | Lawrence Case (20) | Julian Czeiszperger (29) |
| John Newby (5) | Nancy Bullis (14) | David Clemmons (20) | Wendell Rourk (29) |
| Kevin Patton (5) | Gareld Landis (14) | James Heath (20) | Donald Whiteley Jr (29) |
| Thomas Seay (5) | Thomas Blalock (15) | Stephen Woodside (20) | Ryan Adams (30) |
| Charles Baylor (6) | Cheryl Cecil (15) | Therese Masterson (20) | Ronnie Kerstetter (30) |
| Herbert Heath (6) | Jones Kersey (15) | Georgia Cathcart (21) | Bruce Seltzer (30) |
| Lewis Miller (6) | | | |
| Garcia Pedro (6) | | | |

From the Branch Secretary:

tharpj@sc.rr.com or (843-709-8520)

Branch/Unit 269 now has a website (fra269gc.org)!!!!!!

The Branch/Unit now has a website. Please look at this site to get current and past newsletters and upcoming events

The Branch and Unit would like to eliminate the printed newsletters to save money. since every thing is on the website. Please contact me at the above email, phone number if you want to stop the printed copies.

Home Committee Input

Cash Audit as of 13 October 2023 as follows: Checkbook balance \$14, account \$14,715.02; Savings account \$11,428.54; there is \$3,713.00 in cash on-hand \$55,843.33.

Financial Audit: Report not received as of 19 October 2023.

Building and Grounds/Special Events Manager's report: S/M Tim Bailey reports all air conditioners are working; heating portion of kitchen A/C unit needs repair but impact is negligible. Tim discovered the moisture tray for A/C unit in Banquet Room was not draining properly; made some adjustment to mitigate issue until.

Larry Pepper reports we are still awaiting estimate(s) for repairs to the outside of the Home.

The new cook is working out fine; she is also being trained as bartender.

The Golf tournament (last of the year) was a success. Larry thanks the Unit members for their help, both at the tournament and later on back at the Home. The next tournament will be in March 2024.

Veterans Day Celebration will include an indoor picnic at the Home on Saturday, 11 November 2023 beginning at 1200; BBQ, Baked Beans, rice, Mac-N-Cheese plus dessert. More details will be passed along closer to Veterans Day.

Christmas Party currently planned for children and adult members. Watch for further details as we get closer to Christmas.

Membership and Security: S/M John Tharp reported six new members although Headquarters reported a net active membership holding at 805. John issued nine key cards.

Old/New Business: No old business at this time. We will have a "purge the pill barrel" get together on Saturday, October 21st at 10:00 AM.

One final reminder, if you bring a Non-Member to Home, please remember to sign them into the Guest Log.

Ken Wallace, Home Committee Chairman.



(Right) PRPSE Fred Bolz and (Left) Timothy Reed cut the U. S. Navy birthday cake.



MARINES
Come to the Fleet on Friday, November 3 at 1900 for our traditional cake cutting



November is Military Family Month, and we take this opportunity to appreciate the continuous sacrifices and contributions of our military families. The observance recognizes the challenges family members face in support of their loved ones in uniform.



National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2023. Join the more than two million volunteers and supporters who will gather to Remember, Honor and Teach at more than 4,000 participating locations in all 50 states.

Mark your calendar, watch for
 details, watch for additions

Friday nights – 1930 hrs – Scotch Doubles, 8-ball Tournament

November, 2023

Military Family Month

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| | | | 1 | 2 SubVet Eboard meeting | 3 Marine Corps Cake cutting 1900 | 4 |
| 5 Free Pool Turn clocks back!!!! | 6 Columbus Day | 7 Sons of the Confederacy 1830 | 8 | 9 SubVet mtg  | 10 Happy Birthday US Marine Corps | 11 DAV Meeting 0930 BBQ Fund Raiser |
| 12 Free Pool | 13 Home Committee 1800 | 14 Unit Meeting 1800 | 15 Purple Heart Meeting 1900 | 16 Branch mtg  | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Free Pool | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Happy Thanksgiving  | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Free Pool | VVA Mtg 1730  | 31 Sojourners Meeting 1900 | | | | |

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WE'VE GONE GREEN!!!!
The Branch now has a website:::
fra269gc.org
With this website you can get the newsletter by the end of the month
instead of waiting for the printed copy which is sent after the first of
the month.